

an electrical signal output port.

6. (Original) The apparatus as set forth in claim 4 wherein the output means comprises:

an infrared signal output port.

7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus as set forth in claim 4 ~~wherein~~ the output means comprises including:

within said housing, a hard copy output device.

8. (Original) The apparatus as set forth in claim 4 wherein the output means comprises:

a digital data sending subsystem.

9. (Currently Amended) A method of producing a copy of a slide from an overhead projector, the method comprising:

placing a slide of interest on a projection stage of the projector;

scanning said stage having the slide of interest thereon for digitizing content thereof; and

generating an output signal representative of the content in digital form for transmission to an external device using a wireless interconnection.

10. (Currently Amended) The method as set forth in claim 9 ~~wherein~~ generating an output comprises including:

printing a hard copy of said content, and

outputting said hard copy from said projector.

11. (Original) The method as set forth in claim 9 wherein generating an output comprises:

porting a signal representative of the content.

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Final Office Action mailed on June 27, 2005, and the references cited therewith. Claims 1, 4, 7, 9, and

10 are amended, no claims are canceled, and no claims are added; as a result, claims 1-11 are now pending in this application.

§103 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 9, and 10 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura (JP 61-42628) and further in view of Gatto, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,344,906). Claims 5, 8, and 11 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawamura (JP 61-42628) and further in view of Hasegawa (JP 61-30167).

Applicant does not admit that the Kawamura reference, or the Gatto reference, either independently or in combination, teach or suggest every claim element in independent claims 1, 4, or 9, as previously presented. Nonetheless, in the interest of advancing prosecution of the present application, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 4, and 9.

Applicant respectfully submits that the §103 rejection should be withdrawn for the following reasons. First, Applicant submits that neither the Kawamura reference, nor the Gatto reference, either independently or in combination, teach or suggest every claim element in independent claims 1, 4, and 9, as currently amended.

Independent claim 1, as amended, recites “an output device for extracting said content in digital form from said system to an external device.” Independent claim 4, as amended, recites “one or more output means for transmitting a copy of said content in digital form to an external device.” Independent claim 9, as amended, recites “generating an output signal representative of the content in digital form for transmission to an external device.”

Applicant respectfully submits that neither the Kawamura reference, nor the Gatto reference, either independently or in combination, teach or suggest an overhead projector with an output in digital form to an external device.

Second, Applicant submits that the Kawamura reference teaches away from a combination with the Gatto reference that would provide the claim elements in independent claims 1, 4, and 9, as currently amended. The Kawamura reference teaches “The purpose of the present invention is to obtain an [overhead projector] having a function that . . . can copy (print) [an] image on the spot.” (Kawamura, Purpose of the Invention.) The Kawamura reference states that “[t]he electric signal

obtained by the image sensor 7 is sent to a printer (11) through a signal processing circuit (10) by a flexible signal line (9).” (Kawamura, Application Example 1A, third paragraph.) Every figure of the Kawamura reference shows the image sensor (7), the printer (11), the signal processing circuit (10), and the flexible signal line (9) as contained within the overhead projector. Applicant respectfully submits that the Kawamura reference’s printing “on the spot” and “signal” within the projector teach away from an overhead projector with an output in digital form to an external device.

As such, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the §103 rejection for the above independent claims as well as those claims which depend therefrom.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney Gregg W. Wisdom at (360) 212-8052.

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